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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS IN ARIZONA ON PRESIDENT
CARTER'S PROPOSED INVESTIGATION PROGRAM.

1. SENATOR DENNIS DECONCINI AND REPRESENTATIVE MORRIS K. UDALL, BOTH ARIZONA DEMOCRATS, HELD PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSED IMMIGRATION PROGRAM IN TUCSON, ARIZONA ON SEPTEMBER 1 AND IN NOGALES ON SEPTEMBER 2. THE CONGRESSMEN HELD THE HEARINGS TO ELICIT LOCAL REACTION TO THE PRESIDENT'S PROGRAM AND WITH THE INTENTION OF BRINGING THE RESULTS TO THE ATTENTION OF THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE.

2. CONSUL GENERAL VERNON D. MCANINCH TESTIFIED IN NOGALES ALONG WITH CITY AND COUNTY OFFICIALS, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, EDUCATORS, CIVIC AND SOCIAL LEADERS. THERE FOLLOWS A QUOTE FROM THE ARIZONA DAILY STAR OF SEPTEMBER 3 CONCERNING MR. MCANINCH'S APPEARANCE AT THE HEARING:

"OF THE MORE THAN TWO DOZEN PERSONS WHO TESTIFIED AT THE HEARING, ONLY ONE SAID HE FAVORED CARTER'S PLAN. HE WAS VERNON D. MCANINCH, U.S. CONSUL GENERAL AT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN MEXICO CITY."

3. THE CONGRESSMEN AGREED THAT THE UNDOCUMENTED ALIEN
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PROBLEM IS SERIOUS AND SHOULD BE DEALT WITH SOON. SENATOR DECONCINI INDICATED HE IS NOT CONVINCED THE PRESIDENT'S PROGRAM WILL SOLVE THE PROBLEM BUT THAT ACTION MUST BE TAKEN SOON "BECAUSE THE PROBLEM IS SERIOUS AND IS GETTING WORSE". CONGRESSMAN UDALL EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE POLARIZATION BETWEEN MEXICAN-AMERICANS WHO FEEL THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSALS ARE UNDULY RESTRICTIVE AND COULD

ENDANGER BASIC RIGHTS OF MEXICAN-AMERICANS AND OTHER
AMERICAN CITIZENS WHO BELIEVE ALL ILLEGALS SHOULD BE
UNCEREMONIOUSLY RETURNED TO MEXICO. LUCEY

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